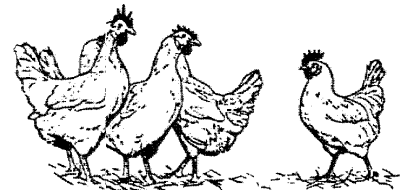


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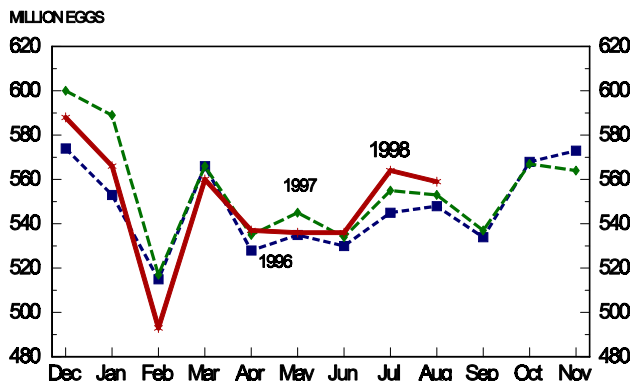
U.S. AUGUST EGG PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT

U.S. egg production totaled 6.67 billion during August 1998, up 3 percent from the 6.48 billion produced in 1997. Production included 5.64 billion table eggs and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 979 million were broiler-type and 58.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 1998 averaged 308 million, up 3 percent from the total average number of layers during August 1997. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,162 eggs, down slightly from 2,165 eggs in August 1997. All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 1998 totaled 309 million, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 309 million layers consisted of 252 million layers producing table or commercial-type eggs, 54.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.54 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 1998 averaged 69.3 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from the 70.0 a year ago.

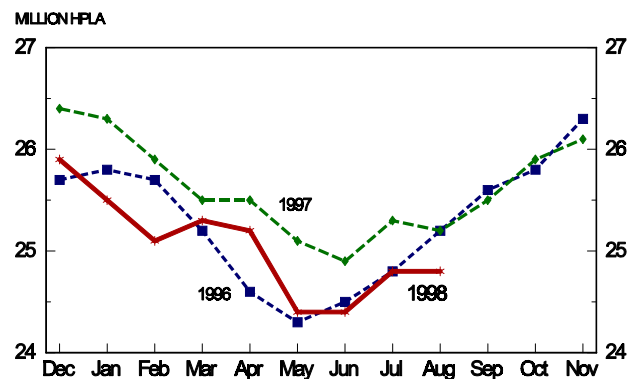
CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during August totaled 559 million, 5.00 million less than last month, but 6.00 million more than last August. The total number of layers during the month averaged 24.8 million, fractionally below August 1997. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,253, compared to 2,278 last month and 2,191 in August 1997.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1995-1998



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1995-1998



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING AUGUST, FORCED MOLTING AS OF SEPTEMBER 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
	-- Thousands --		-- Number --		-- Millions --		---- Percent ----			
Alabama	10,726	10,615	1,958	1,876	210	199	2.00	3.50	12.00	11.50
Arkansas	14,452	14,554	1,841	1,817	266	264	1.00	2.50	12.00	8.50
California	25,235	24,815	2,191	2,253	553	559	9.00	7.50	35.50	32.50
Georgia	19,723	21,022	2,069	2,004	408	421	4.50	5.00	22.00	19.00
Indiana	21,150	21,822	2,293	2,311	485	504	2.50	4.00	21.00	33.50
Iowa	21,148	23,035	2,204	2,208	466	509	3.00	5.00	23.00	34.00
North Carolina	11,870	11,209	1,929	1,880	229	211	1.00	3.00	10.50	8.00
Ohio	25,211	27,529	2,297	2,223	579	612	4.50	2.50	11.50	13.00
Pennsylvania	21,053	21,414	2,275	2,330	479	499	6.50	3.50	13.50	18.00
Texas	16,750	16,817	2,096	2,185	351	368	3.50	3.00	27.00	24.00
United States	299,512	308,313	2,165	2,162	6,483	6,674	3.90	3.90	21.50	21.90

U.S. BROILER HATCH UP 1 PERCENT

The August 1998 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 713 million, was up 1 percent from August of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 604 million on September 1, 1998, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.08 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 1998. This was up 6 percent from August 1997.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, AUGUST

State	1997	1998	<u>1998</u> <u>1997</u>
	- Thousands -		Percent
Alabama	93,944	92,932	99
Arkansas	106,487	101,122	95
Delaware	16,141	16,074	100
Florida	9,318	8,922	96
Georgia	107,987	109,634	102
Maryland	31,733	31,872	100
Mississippi	60,829	63,382	104
North Carolina	62,505	62,642	100
Pennsylvania	13,153	12,507	95
South Carolina	15,531	14,999	97
Texas	44,575	45,649	102
Virginia	23,841	24,228	102
California, West Virginia & Tennessee	36,151	38,707	107
Other States ^{1/}	86,442	90,541	105
UNITED STATES	708,637	713,211	101

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP 1 PERCENT

Egg-type chicks hatched during August totaled 33.5 million, up 1 percent from August 1997. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.8 million on September 1, 1998, down slightly from a year ago.

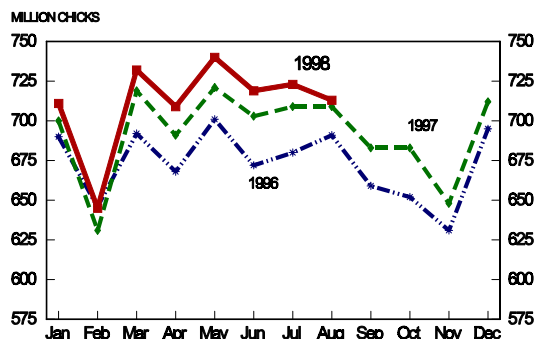
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 190 thousand during August 1998. This was down 33 percent from the 285 thousand of August 1997.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, AUGUST

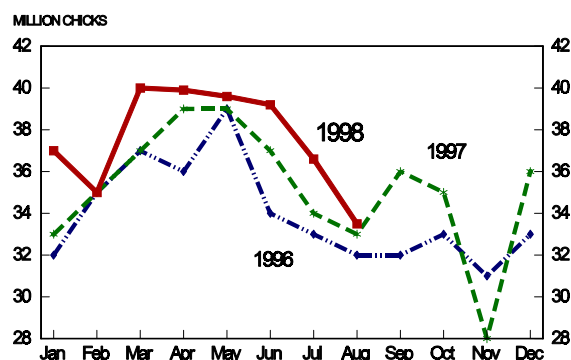
State	1997	1998	<u>1998</u> <u>1997</u>
	- Thousands -		Percent
Arkansas	940	784	83
Florida	1,179	728	62
Georgia	2,184	2,017	92
Indiana	7,141	6,206	87
Iowa	4,008	4,777	119
Kansas	142	276	194
Minnesota	1,507	1,621	108
Missouri	400	336	84
Pennsylvania	3,983	3,953	99
Other States ^{1/}	11,641	12,816	110
UNITED STATES	33,125	33,514	101

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1996-1998



EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 1996-1998



U.S. EGGS IN INCUBATORS, SEPTEMBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	1997	1998	1998/1997	1997	1998	1998/1997
	-- Thousands --		Percent	-- Thousands --		Percent
North Atlantic	12,348	12,262	99	5,977	6,836	114
East North Central	6,779	8,407	124	8,139	7,908	97
West North Central	23,317	22,701	97	5,661	5,888	104
South Atlantic	227,007	230,863	102	4,480	4,091	91
South Central	301,813	304,943	101	3,630	3,503	97
West	21,644	24,342	112	5,024	4,614	92
UNITED STATES	592,908	603,518	102	32,911	32,840	100

QUARTERLY LAYERS & EGG PRODUCTION - JUNE THROUGH AUGUST

Geographic Division	Average Number Of Layers On Hand			Total Eggs Produced		
	1997	1998	1998/1997	1997	1998	1998/1997
	-- Thousands --		Percent	-- Thousands --		Percent
Alabama	10,731	10,670	99	634	590	93
Arkansas	14,455	14,508	100	786	798	102
California	24,894	24,888	100	1,642	1,659	101
Georgia	20,337	20,484	101	1,208	1,249	103
Indiana	21,391	21,416	100	1,432	1,492	104
Iowa	22,253	22,338	100	1,416	1,521	107
North Carolina	11,656	11,555	99	692	642	93
Ohio	26,488	26,673	101	1,701	1,832	108
Pennsylvania	21,068	21,136	100	1,407	1,467	104
Texas	16,728	16,724	100	1,046	1,051	100
United States	303,735	304,379	100	19,202	19,792	103

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average August prices received by California producers, when compared to July average prices, increased 3 cents per pound for turkeys and broilers. Prices for market eggs rose 12.5 cents per dozen.

Nationally, August average prices received by producers increased 1.3 cents per pound for turkeys and 3.7 cents per pound for broilers. Prices rose 8.2 cents per dozen for market eggs.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS, COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	August 1997	July 15, 1998	August 15, 1998
--- Cents ---				
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	40.4	43.0	46.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	52.0	42.5	55.0
Turkeys	Lb.	41.0	37.0	40.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	39.9	43.2	46.9
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	49.8	43.2	51.4
Turkeys	Lb.	41.0	37.5	38.8

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Average for market (table) eggs including eggs sold retail by producers.

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

U.S. turkey eggs in incubators totaled 26.9 million on September 1, 1998, down 13 percent from September 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were down 14 percent from the August 1 total of 31.3 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: E N Central, up 2 percent; W N Central, down 4 percent; N & S Atlantic, down 22 percent; S Central, down 12 percent; West, down 30 percent.

The 24.4 million poult placed during August 1998 in the United States were down 7 percent from the placements during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 7 percent from the July 1998 total of 26.2 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: E N Central, up 4 percent; W N Central, down 3 percent; N & S Atlantic, down 10 percent; S Central, down 17 percent; West, down 11 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators September 1		1998 1997	Poults Placed during Aug. 1/		1998 1997
	1997	1998		1997	1998	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	4,454	4,540	102	3,426	3,569	104
W N Central	9,058	8,710	96	8,069	7,813	97
N & S Atlantic	11,374	8,837	78	8,769	7,854	90
S Central	3,355	2,937	88	3,162	2,640	83
West	2,687	1,876	70	2,895	2,567	89
U.S.	30,928	26,900	87	26,321	24,443	93

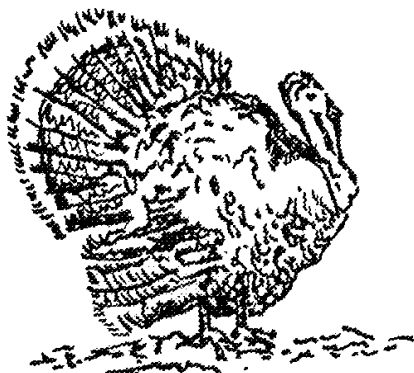
1/ Excludes exported poults.

TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES 1/ 2/

Month	Total All Breeds		97-98 96-97	Cumulative Total		97-98 96-97
	1996-97	1997-98		1996-97	1997-98	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	24,154	23,907	99	24,154	23,907	99
Oct.	25,354	24,587	97	49,508	48,494	98
Nov.	23,830	23,281	98	73,338	71,775	98
Dec.	27,119	25,711	95	100,457	97,486	97
Jan.	27,121	26,240	97	127,578	123,726	97
Feb.	27,145	25,093	92	154,723	148,819	96
Mar.	27,610	26,362	95	182,333	175,181	96
Apr.	28,220	25,747	91	210,553	200,928	95
May	29,111	25,677	88	239,664	226,605	95
June	28,381	26,974	95	268,045	253,579	95
July	30,092	26,247	87	298,137	279,826	94
Aug.	26,321	24,443	93	324,458	304,269	94

1/ Data for 1998 includes revisions published in "Hatchery Production 1998 Summary".

2/ Excludes exported poults.



PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	August 31, 1997	July 31, 1998 1/	August 31, 1998	<u>Aug. 1998</u> <u>Aug. 1997</u>	<u>Aug. 1998</u> <u>July 1998</u>
PACIFIC COAST			---- Thousands ----		-- Percent --	
Turkeys	Lbs.	105,534	107,135	118,538	112	111
Chickens	Lbs.	43,430	25,678	28,458	66	111
Ducks	Lbs.	447	826	1,090	244	132
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	149,411	133,639	148,086	99	111
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	742,012	702,997	703,123	95	100
Chickens	Lbs.	566,960	562,511	548,030	97	97
Ducks	Lbs.	2,277	4,937	5,463	240	111
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,311,249	1,270,445	1,256,616	96	99
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	11,103	11,758	9,256	83	79

1/ Revised.